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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any co-pending applications, are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed

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documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

The following statement regarding the non-English language document is provided:

- 1. <u>EP 1 020 135</u> This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,309,124, submitted herewith.
- 2. FR 1 425 166 This document is cited in the priority application's French Search Report for the following co-pending application:

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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